

## Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

## Meeting Agenda

**July 19, 2012**

**9:30 AM to 3:30 PM**

**USFWS Annapolis Field Office Conference Room**

## Annapolis, Maryland

**Conference Call Number- 866.299.3188, Code- 267.985.6222**

**Virtual Meeting Room-** <https://epa.connectsolutions.com/agwg/>

<b>09:30</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	<b>Coale</b>
<b>09:40</b>	<b>AgWG Meeting Minutes</b> Frank Coale, AgWG Chair, will lead a discussion on the review and approval of the minutes from the June 14, 2012 workgroup meeting at the USDA-NRCS Maryland State Office.	<b>Coale</b>

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation and Recommendation

<b>09:45</b>	<p data-bbox="357 934 1135 938"><b>New USDA-NRCS Representatives</b></p> <p data-bbox="357 938 1135 949">Frank will welcome two new USDA-NRCS representatives to assist with the workgroup and the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership efforts. Chesapeake Bay Coordinator Ms. Nona McCoy and Chesapeake Science Advisor Dr. Curtis Dell will be joining the workgroup and participating with future partnership discussions.</p>	<b>Coale</b>
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**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation

<b>10:00</b>	<p><b>Chesapeake Bay Program Director</b></p> <p>Frank will welcome EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Director Mr. Nick DiPasquale to his first meeting with the workgroup membership. Nick will share with the workgroup his thoughts on the leadership demonstrated by the workgroup in enhancing the partnership understanding of agricultural production management and conservation practices.</p>	<b>Coale</b>
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**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation

<b>10:15</b>	<b>Expert Review Panel Updates</b> A status report of activities will be provided for each of the four agricultural review panels currently activated by the workgroup.	<b>Dubin</b>
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**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation

<b>10:30</b>	<b>Agricultural BMP Verification Process</b>	<b>Coale</b>
	Frank will provide a brief synopsis of the of the workgroup's progress to date on the development of an agricultural BMP verification protocol	

based on the draft verification principles developed by the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team's (WQGIT) BMP Verification Steering Committee.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation

- 10:35                    Agricultural Verification Concept                    Coale/Dubin**  
Frank Coale and Mark Dubin will present the current draft concept for developing an agricultural verification protocol. The original concept was presented during the May 10th workgroup meeting and subsequently modified based upon comments received prior to and during the June 14th meeting. The modified concept was provided to the workgroup just prior to its presentation to the WQGIT's BMP Verification Steering Committee on June 19th as per the June 14th workgroup recommendations.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation

- 11:00                    BMP Verification Steering Committee Review                    Coale/Dubin**  
Frank Coale and Coordinator Mark Dubin presented a draft agricultural verification protocol concept for the WQGIT's BMP Verification Steering Committee on June 19th. Frank and Mark will provide an overview of the Steering Committee meeting, the various sector presentations, and the comments received on the workgroup's draft protocol concept.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation

- 11:15                    Agricultural BMP Verification Comments: Partners                    Coale**  
Frank Coale will moderate an open discussion from the perspective of non-state agency representatives on their viewpoints of the draft agricultural verification concept and the BMP Verification Steering Committee review comments. The discussion will encompass all forms of BMPs, cost shared as well as non-cost shared practices.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation

- 12:00                    Luncheon Break**

- 01:00                    Agricultural BMP Verification Comments: Agencies                    Coale**  
Frank Coale will moderate an open discussion from the perspective of the state agency representatives on their jurisdictional reviews of the current draft agricultural verification concept, as well as their thoughts on the comments received from the BMP Verification Steering Committee. The discussion will encompass all forms of BMPs, cost shared as well as non-cost shared practices.

Order of Discussions:                    New York

Pennsylvania  
Maryland  
Delaware  
West Virginia  
Virginia

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation

- 02:00            Draft Agricultural Verification Protocol            Coale**  
Utilizing the comments received from the jurisdictions and non-jurisdictional partners, Frank Coale will lead an open work session to modify the draft verification concept for the verification of agricultural BMPs and data. The results of this session will be subsequently considered for recommendation by the workgroup.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

- 03:15            Review of AgWG Recommendations            Coale/Dubin**  
The members will review and finalize the workgroup's recommendations for endorsement and implementation.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Finalized Workgroup Recommendations

- 03:30            Adjourn**

**Conference Call Materials:**

Participants are requested to review the materials posted on the AgWG webpage for the meeting. Some documents may be posted just prior to the meeting, so please check back.

**Agenda Schedule:**

The meeting agenda is reflective of known information at the time of publication and may be subject to change due to other circumstances. Additional agenda items may be added if time is available.

**Luncheon Information:**

Workgroup members may either bring their lunch to the meeting room, or utilize one of the food establishments nearby.